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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:**

Section 1-F: will be open south and east of a line from the southernmost tip of California Head, to Spire Island Light, to the southernmost tip of Gravina Point, to a point located on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91' N. latitude (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point), then due west to the District 2 boundary line with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Carroll Inlet: will be closed north of 55°19.57' N. latitude (the latitude of the southernmost tip of California Head);

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of 55°07.74' N. latitude (the southernmost tip of Dall Head);

Tongass Narrows: all waters will be closed;

Thorne Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Moth Point, to the northernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.91' N. latitude, 131°19.04' W. longitude.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:**

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 4

District 4: **will be closed.**

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:

Shakan Bay: will be open east of the longitude of Station Island Light.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:**

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Point Warde.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:**

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point;

Pybus Bay: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Pybus.

District 11

The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:

Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:

Amalga Harbor SHA: will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65' N. latitude, 134°49.30' W. longitude, running west to a point at 58°30.47' N. latitude, 134°50.72' W. longitude, then running south to a point at 58°28.94' N. latitude, 134°48.91' W. longitude, then running southeast to a point at 58°28.72' N. latitude, 134°47.74' W. longitude, then running northeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78' N. latitude, 134°47.26' W. longitude, then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°28.99' N. latitude, 134°47.41' W. longitude, then north to the westernmost tip of Kishbrock Island at 58°29.47' N. latitude, 134°47.78' W. longitude, and then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02' N. latitude, 134°48.06' W. longitude.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of Point Marsden at 58°03.40' N. latitude and north of Point Hepburn at 57°56.21' N. latitude;

Chichagof Island Shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline (including the waters of Tenakee Inlet and Freshwater Bay to normal markers) **north of Point Hayes at 57°16.28' N. latitude with the following restriction:**

Basket Bay Shoreline: will be closed south of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 57°41.65' N. latitude and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 57°37.91' N. latitude.

Kelp Bay and Catherine Island shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of **the Section 13-C boundary**, Baranof Island, and Catherine Island north of South Point at 57°16.28' N. latitude (except that all waters of The Basin will be open) and **south of Point Hayes at 57°16.28' N. latitude;**

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude, then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed west of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.88' W. longitude, to 57°13.00' N. latitude, 134°51.93' W. longitude, to the northernmost point of an unnamed island at 57°12.91' N. latitude, 134°51.50' W. longitude, then due south to the Baranof Island shoreline.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point, to Ninefoot Shoal Light, to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island, to Point Hogan, to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island, and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°09.20' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude, to Makhnati Rock Light, to Surf Rock Light, to Simpson Rock Light, to Tsaritsa Rock Light, to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge, to The Twins Light, to the southernmost tip of Guertin Island;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

Nakwasina Sound: will be closed northeast of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°10.58' N. latitude, 135°24.81' W. longitude, to the easternmost tip of Crosswise Island, to the northernmost tip of Beehive Island, then due west to the Halleck Island shoreline.

Section 13-C: will be open south of the latitude of the Point Benham Light with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: all waters will be closed;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., daily, from Thursday, July 18 through Friday, July 19, 2013:**

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W. longitude (normal markers).

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 18, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 19, 2013:**

Section 13-A will be open in the following area:

Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point and in Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore with the following restrictions:

Lisianski Inlet: will be closed south of 57°55.10' N. latitude;

Stag Bay: will be closed east of a line from 57°55.52' N. latitude, 136°21.47' W. longitude to 57°55.97' N. latitude, 136°21.53' W. longitude.

District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2013:**

Section 14-B: will be open south of the latitude of Crist Point.

Section 14-C: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA, Amalga Harbor SHA, and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the

Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Fishermen are advised the open waters of the Amalga Harbor SHA have been reduced in order to minimize bycatch of non-target species. The western boundary line is now approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ nautical miles from shore. Please review the area description above for details.

Fishermen are reminded to review closed waters described in 5 AAC 33.350 when fishing in unfamiliar areas. Copies of the 2012-2015 Southeast Alaska and Yakutat Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available free of charge from ADF&G offices.

Hidden Falls THA Information: The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 135,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,180,000 available for common property harvest. On July 14, the average weight of chum salmon was 6.1 pounds and the sex ratio was 36% male. Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect and includes the Kelp Bay/Catherine Island area – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, July 19, 2013.**

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S2913.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 29
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 16, 2013

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	2,800	3,300	375,000	18,000	399,100	40
District 2	0	750	1,000	24,000	22,000	47,750	10
District 4	0	3,600	6,000	125,000	4,000	138,600	18
Section 7-A	0	500	100	60,000	22,000	82,600	10
District 10	0	2,000	1,200	80,000	10,000	93,200	11
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	350	200	76,000	4,500	81,050	16
12-A Kelp Bay/Hidden Falls THA	80	440	1,200	65,000	78,000	144,720	23
12-A Tenakee Inlet	0	300	500	160,000	18,500	179,300	43
13-A Lisianski	0	80	200	91,000	3,000	94,280	16
Section 14-C	0	1,400	600	210,000	18,000	230,000	70
Deep Inlet THA	90	110	1,140	2,000	15,000	18,340	8
Totals	170	12,330	15,440	1,268,000	213,000	1,508,940	

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	70	83	9,375	450	9,978
District 2	0	75	100	2,400	2,200	4,775
District 4	0	200	333	6,944	222	7,700
Section 7-A	0	50	10	6,000	2,200	8,260
District 10	0	182	109	7,273	909	8,473
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	22	13	4,750	281	5,066
12-A Kelp Bay/Hidden Falls THA	3	19	52	2,826	3,391	6,292
12-A Tenakee Inlet	0	7	12	3,721	430	4,170
13-A Lisianski	0	5	13	5,688	188	5,893
Section 14-C	0	20	9	3,000	257	3,286
Deep Inlet THA	11	14	143	250	1,875	2,293

Section 13-A Slocum: confidential.

Section 13-B Sitka Sound: confidential.

Section 13-C: confidential.

Redoubt Bay: confidential.

Anita Bay THA: 2,500 chums and 3,600 kings harvested to date.

Kendrick Bay THA: 12,000 chums harvested to date.

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